

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 11, 2016**



The meeting of January 11, 2016 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Armory Center for the Arts, 145 N. Raymond Avenue, Pasadena, CA, 91103.

Present: Eric Hanks  
Helen Hernandez  
Constance Jolcuvar  
Peter Lesnik  
Claudia Margolis  
Kathryn McDonnell  
Claire Peeps  
Norma Provencio Pichardo  
David Valdez

Absent: Pamela Bright-Moon (excused)  
Betty Haagen (excused)  
Bettina Korek (excused)  
Alis Clausen Odenthal (excused)  
Rosalind Wyman (excused)  
Hope Warschaw (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
Rosalyn Escobar, Grants Manager  
Laura Guerrero-Nieto, Grants and Professional Development Associate  
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications  
Kim Glann, Productions Marketing Manager  
Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones, Associate Program Manager, Community Events  
Cindy Villasenor, Chief Advancement Officer

Also Present: Rosalind Wayman, Arts Deputy, Fifth District  
Scott Ward, Executive Director, Armory Center for the Arts  
Charles Dickerson, Inner City Youth Orchestra  
J. Stanley Saunders, Inner City Youth Orchestra

President Peeps called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the excused absences for the meeting of January 11, 2016 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*On a motion made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the minutes for the meeting of December 7, 2015 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

None.

### OGP Presentations

Scott Ward, Executive Director of the Armory Center for the Arts, welcomed Commissioners to the center and gave a power point presentation about the organization, its education and exhibition programs and the various communities they serve. The organization is seeking support for year-round free afterschool arts programming, taught by professional artists at accessible community centers located in low-income neighborhoods.

Charles Dickerson, Executive Director and Conductor, and J. Stanley Saunders, Chair of the Board of Directors, shared a video excerpt of a performance and gave an overview of the music education programs the organization provides to inner city youth. The organization is requesting funding to support orchestra concerts.

### Presidents Items

President Peeps welcomed Arts Deputy Rosalind Wayman, representing the Fifth District, to the Commission meeting.

### Executive Director

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, introduced Cynthia Villaseñor the new Chief Advancement Officer for the Arts Commission.

Ms. Zucker updated the commissioners on the proposed FY 16-17 budget priorities.

### Special Election of Executive Committee Member

*Commissioner Pichardo, a member of the Nominating Committee, made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Margolis, to elect Helen Hernandez to serve as member of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.*

### Approval of Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative Co-Chairs

*A motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Pichardo, to approve Tim Dang, Helen Hernandez, and Maria Rosario Jackson as the Co-Chairs of the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative Advisory Committee.*

Commissioner Hernandez reported the co-chairs met on December 17 and January 8 to develop a process for the initiative and reviewed a list of 133 nominations for members to the advisory committee. The co-chairs have assembled a list of 36 names and 15 alternates for the Advisory Committee on Cultural Equity and Inclusion.

Leticia Buckley, Communications Director, gave an overview of the proposed process for the Cultural Equity and Inclusion Initiative.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Valdez, and unanimously approved, to accept the list of 36 names and 15 alternates for the Advisory Committee on Cultural Equity and Inclusion, direct the staff to send out an invitation to formally invite the candidates and identify alternates as appropriate.*

### OGP Disqualification

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the memo outlining the 2016-17 OGP disqualification.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, and unanimously approved, to accept the disqualification for Crayon Collective because the organization did not send a representative to the mandatory application workshop.*

Holiday Celebration Report

Kim Glann, Productions Marketing Manager, and Jennifer Fukutomi-Jones, Associate Program Manager of Community Events, gave an overview of the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration report ([attached](#)) and showed excerpts from the show. A DVD copy of the show was distributed to Commissioners.

President Peeps pulled the following name as the Holiday Celebration audience drawing winner for four tickets to the Ford Summer Season: Jwon Burrell and alternate Vanessa Wegman.

Commissioner Items

Commission Hernandez extended an invitation to Commissioners and staff to the PBSSoCal documentary screening of Ken Burn's Jackie Robinson at the Huntington Library and Gardens on January 17.

Commissioner Valdez extended an invitation to Commissioners for the annual Martin Luther King Day breakfast sponsored by the YMCA in downtown Los Angeles on January 16.

Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of January 11, 2016 was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. in memory of David Bowie, on motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, and unanimously approved.*